GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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AVIATION COURSES AND TRAINING ABROAD
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry exercise any control in meeting the manpower requirement of civil aviation sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that a large number of students are going abroad to join aviation courses and training;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the number of students going abroad to join such courses and training every year; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to open more institutes and colleges to provide aviation courses and training in the country itself?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Government keeps a watch on the demand and availability of manpower in the civil aviation sector in general, and specially in areas where Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) licensing is required. All domestic airlines,have their own recruitment and training policies and Government does not interfere in such matters. DGCA guidelines also require that the airlines adopt effective training programmes for their Indian pilots for endorsement on the type of aircraft operated by the airlines.

(c), (d) and (e):- Training in India or abroad is a matter of individual choice and permission of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is not required for ab initio flying training abroad. Ministry does not keep a record of students going abroad for training.

(f):- Government has taken various steps for augmenting training infrastructure in India by upgradation and modernisation of training infrastructure of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) to enhance its training capacity, setting up of world class National Flying Training Institute (NFTI) at Gondia, Maharashtra and assistance to flying clubs by allocating trainer aircraft and simulators through the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and Aero Club of India.